

Fighting in Tripoli, Beirut

Air Force attacks
PLO faction base

Post Defence Correspondent
Israeli aircraft yesterday attacked a PLO base in Lebanon's Bekaa valley. Military sources described the attack — the second in the Bekaa in a month — as "part and parcel of Israel's routine pre-emptive policy against the terrorists."

The base attacked was at Majd al-Ghanjar, where a two-storey building used by Abu Musa's rejectionist faction of the PLO was destroyed. The base was used for training and command purposes, a military source said last night.

According to the Israel Defence Forces spokesman, all planes returned safely to base, and pilots reported accurate hits.

On August 16, Israeli aircraft attacked a second Abu Musa base near Bar Elias, 10 kilometres north of Majd al-Ghanjar, hours after Abu Musa accepted responsibility for planting a car bomb in central Jerusalem that day. Earlier in August the IDF concentrated its anti-terrorist

activity on the Lebanese coast in the wake of reports that the terrorists were planning a major attack against an Israeli objective at sea.

The Associated Press, reporting from Beirut, said the police there had given a preliminary casualty toll in the raid of 15 persons but did not specify whether they were killed or wounded, nor whether the victims were civilians or Palestinian terrorists. Reporters were blocked from the area, about 40 kilometres east of Beirut.

The state radio reported that 25 bodies had been removed from the rubble.

Yesterday's air raid, the 14th in Lebanon this year, came a day before a scheduled UN Security Council meeting on Lebanon's complaint against Israeli practices in southern Lebanon. (see story below)

It also came as Lebanese politicians met to discuss a security plan for the Beirut area amid new out-

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UN to debate Lebanese complaint

UNITED NATIONS. — The UN Security Council decided in a closed consultation on Monday to hold an open meeting at 3:30 p.m. today on a Lebanese "government" complaint against continued Israeli occupation of south Lebanon.

In last Friday's request for an urgent council meeting, Lebanon asked the council to consider "all practices and measures taken by the Israeli occupying authorities" in the south. No mention was made of renewed violence in areas of Lebanon outside the Israeli zone of occupation.

In southern Lebanon yesterday, a delegation of UN observers visited the Hatzbani and Wazzani springs to look into allegations that Israel has diverted their waters.

The observers reportedly were satisfied that nothing has been done to change the flow, and they will send a report on their findings to UN headquarters in New York. (AP, Itim)

3 IDF soldiers hurt by terrorists in Lebanon

By MENAHEM BOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three Israeli soldiers were wounded in two terrorist incidents in South Lebanon yesterday.

In the first, soldiers on patrol discovered a terrorist gang and opened fire. The terrorists threw a hand grenade at them and in the explosion, two soldiers were slightly hurt.

A third soldier was hurt when a remote-control bomb was detonated at the roadside near the Ansar camp. The terrorists responsible escaped in a waiting car.

Soldiers of the South Lebanese Army uncovered an arms cache near Jabel Reihan, north of Nabatiya. The cache included RPGs, a LAW shoulder-fired missile, machine guns and Katyusha rockets.

Co-S Levy leaving for U.S.

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Chief of Staff Moshe Levy is leaving for the U.S. on an official visit. He will be the guest of his American counterpart, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Vessey.

Vessey has a reputation in the Israeli military of being "unfriendly" to Israel. He visited here earlier this year after a period of serious friction between the Israel Defence Forces

and the American forces serving in Lebanon. That visit was called a "genuine success" by his hosts.

Levy's visit to the U.S. was planned several months ago. It is not linked to any specific defence problems. However, he will hold extensive discussions with senior military and defence officials, as well as tour military facilities.

Both countries recently held a joint medical-evacuation exercise (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Labour, Likud end squabble
about Knesset and Speaker

Post Knesset Correspondent

The parliamentary logjam began to break up yesterday after the Likud and the Alignment ended their squabble about the functioning of the Knesset and the election of the Speaker.

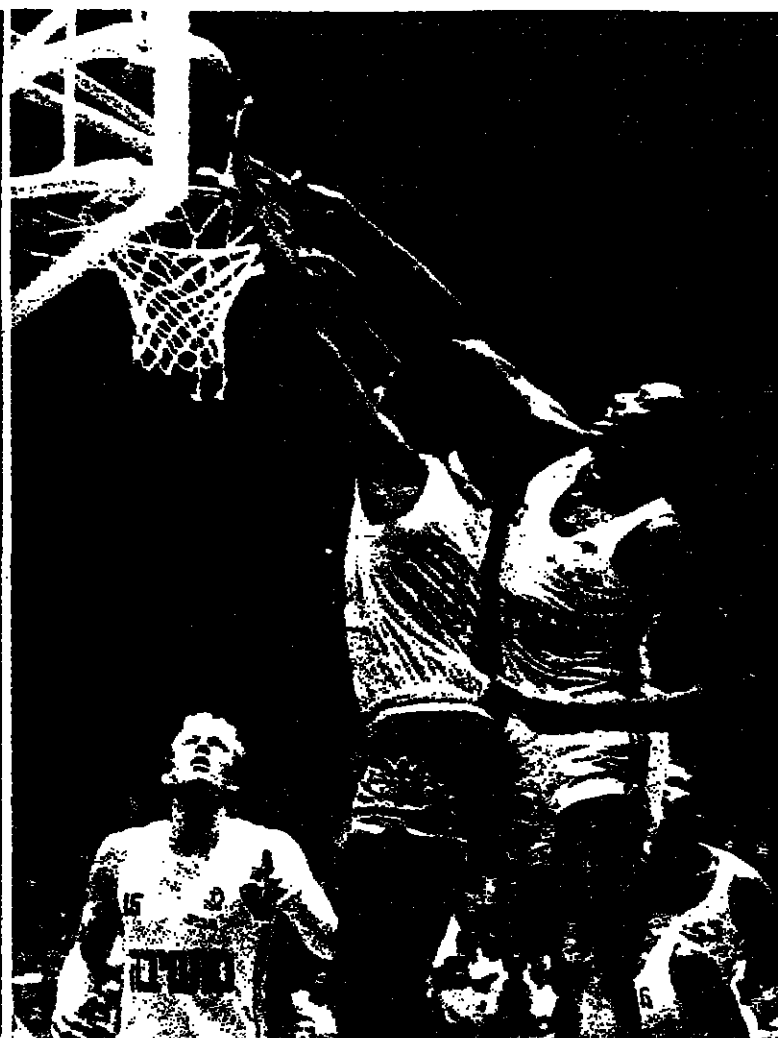
Alignment whip Moshe Shahal, who heads the steering committee, which is designed to launch the Knesset into regular operation and then dissolve itself, agreed that the Speaker need not be elected till September 11.

Shahal's deputy, Likud Transport Minister Haim Corfu, agreed that the Knesset should hold its next plenary session on Monday, September 3, provided that that session not include the election of the Speaker.

As a cabinet member, Corfu can belong only to a committee that has no permanent status and no control over the day-to-day management of the Knesset. However, as the Likud's most capable parliamentarian, Corfu was best fitted to delay the Alignment plan to get the Speaker elected without reference to the final coalition-opposition pattern.

The day now fixed for the election of the Speaker is the 16th day of the second period of 21 days that President Chaim Herzog granted Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres. By September 11, the shape of the next coalition should be clear.

The Alignment Knesset faction was expected last night to nominate Shlomo Hillel as Speaker.



Hapoel Tel Aviv's Lavonne Mercer and Charlie Pittman of the Phoenix Suns reach for the rim in last night's exhibition basketball game in Tel Aviv, while Hapoel's Mike Lurie looks on along with 2.13-metre James Edwards (right) of Phoenix. The Suns proved too hot for Tel Aviv, winning 111-91 after leading 53-41 at halftime. In a second game, Maccabi Tel Aviv overpowered the New Jersey Nets 104-97 before 8,000 wildly cheering fans. New signings Kevin McGee and Lee Johnson led the local team in overcoming a 55-51 halftime deficit. (Hanoach Guthmann)

Teachers wish to meet
with Orgad on bonus

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The teachers yesterday requested a meeting with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to discuss the dispute over the party bonus, which threatens to delay the opening of the new school year scheduled to begin on Sunday.

Shoshana Bayer, chairman of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, said she expects Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to support the teachers' demand for the

bonus after the ministry's legal adviser affirmed the teachers' right to the bonus.

It has been reported that Hammer will request a special meeting of the cabinet before next Sunday if the dispute is not resolved soon.

Meanwhile, Finance Ministry Director-General Nissim Baruch, speaking on Kol Yisrael yesterday afternoon, said that if the government gives in to the teachers there will be a long line of "disadvantaged" (Continued on Back Page)

Cohen-Orgad on economic recovery:
Lower standard of living
and budget cuts necessary

By AVITAM KIN
Post Economic Reporter

Without a massive cut in the government budget there will be no real solution to the country's economic problems, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said yesterday.

Cohen-Orgad again stressed his determination to lower living standards.

"Anyone who thinks that our problems can be solved without reducing welfare and education spending is simply fooling himself," the minister said.

The finance minister was emphatic when he called the current economic situation "the most serious in recent years."

Cohen-Orgad also said that without massive budget cuts, Israel's foreign currency reserves will continue to drop.

He told a TV reporter later that "further economic measures will be taken soon," but declined to elaborate.

The committee was meeting to continue its debate on last month's bookkeeping efforts by the treasury and the Bank of Israel to cover \$325 million of the \$670m. drop in foreign currency reserve last month.

According to Mandelbaum, he had planned to inform the committee about the maneuver at the beginning of August. He explained that this is usually done through a special subcommittee, and that this body had not been formed in the interim period between the 10th and 11th Knessets.

Mandelbaum added that he had informed the heads of all political factions about the serious condition of the economy, and stressed that a major cut in government spending and money printing is necessary.

"Money printing immediately translates into a worsening of the balance of payments situation," he added.

Cohen-Orgad told the committee that the balance-of-payments deficit should be cut by \$1 billion. He asserted that if not for the election campaign, he would have reached this target this year.

Labour sources say:

'Aguda on verge of
joining narrow gov't'Pressure in
NRP to
follow suit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two religious factions, Agudat Yisrael and the National Religious Party, appeared to be parting ways yesterday with the other two religious factions, Shas and Morasha, and holding frank conversations with the Alignment over the prospect of entering a narrow coalition.

While Aguda leaders held their third meeting with Alignment figures within 48 hours, the simmering unrest within the National Religious Party over its ministers' unswerving attachment to the Likud became more noticeable. NRP organization machine head Rafael Ben-Natan met quietly with Alignment figures, and in private conversations with party colleagues vocally challenged the pro-Likud orientation symbolized by Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

A central NRP figure told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "We stay committed to the idea of national unity, unless we see that the Likud or people in the Likud are sabotaging the negotiations with the Alignment. In such an eventuality, we would want to find out why. And only after, if we cannot remedy the situation, would we consider a narrow coalition with the Alignment. That stage might occur in a few days," he added.

The Alignment meanwhile maintained its two-pronged policy of intensifying contacts with the Aguda and the NRP to get a more favourable national unity deal from the Likud, and simultaneously publicizing progress made in talks with the Likud, to stampee additional partners into a narrow coalition.

Aguda MK Avraham Shapira admitted yesterday that his party could do more to advance religious demands in a narrow coalition than (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres met late last night with Agudat Yisrael leaders in an attempt to finalize a coalition agreement, senior Labour Party sources said.

The sources described the meeting as "possibly decisive." Negotiations between the Alignment and the Aguda have passed the exploratory stage, the sources said. The sources predicted that the Aguda would announce its intention to support an Alignment-led narrow government today or tomorrow.

The price paid by the Alignment for the Aguda's support would be a free vote on the Halachic-conversion amendment to the Law of Return and "other concessions," the sources said.

The Aguda leaders are reportedly "petrified" of a national unity government, believing that it will mean a virtual end to their influence and state funding. After observing the log-jam for the past three weeks they had become convinced that their position of standing pat was working in favour of a unity government, the sources said.

The Aguda will evidently demand a proviso that its support of the Alignment becomes effective only if the other religious parties follow suit.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the Aguda leaders received the go-ahead for their rapprochement with the Alignment from the Council of Torah Sages, though it is probable that any agreement will have to be referred to the council for final approval.

Last night's meeting followed two days of intensive talks, during which Peres met with MK Avraham Shapira and former MK Shlomo Lorincz. The Alignment also held contacts with the National Religious Party and Shas.

The Labour Party sources were confident last night that a breakthrough was imminent with the religious parties. "The religious front is clearly in ferment," one said. It is

understood that the Alignment option has wide support in the NRP as well, and has led to a "mini-revolt" within that party against the hegemony of Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

The Labour sources were doubtful whether the reported agreements between Tami and the Likud, as announced by Israel Television last night, would come to fruition. "I don't believe that there is such an agreement at all," one source said.

Peres yesterday met with Yahad leader Ezer Weizman and with his colleagues in the Labour Party's negotiating "Big Four" — Yitzhak Navon, Yitzhak Rabin and Haim Bar Lev. Last night, the Alignment Knesset faction met to discuss procedural matters connected with the proposed Knesset session next week.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Alignment Knesset faction chairman Shahal reported progress after their meeting to draw up foreign-policy guidelines for a national unity government. Most formulas had been agreed on, they said, though the question of new settlements remained the sticking point. The Alignment believes that settlement should be decided on by a "special" majority of cabinet ministers, while the Likud is demanding a simple majority.

Nissim said after the meeting that he and Shahal had agreed on the key questions of the peace process with Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel's foreign relations.

Mohammed Naguib, 82
Egypt's first president

CAIRO (Reuters). — Mohammed Naguib, who became Egypt's first president after the 1952 revolution which overthrew King Farouk, died yesterday aged 82. Cairo television announced.

The former army general was chosen by Gamal Abdel-Nasser and his group of "free officer" to head the revolutionary command council which ousted the monarchy.

Sarid: Dissolve Alignment

Tension high for Mapam meeting today

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam insiders do not expect the party's central committee to decide on the fate of the Alignment during the committee meeting today. Nevertheless, tension is high in the Alignment, with forces wishing to split the Alignment gaining strength in both Mapam and the Labour Party.

Labour left-winger Knesset Member Yosef Sarid said last night that the time had come to dissolve the Alignment. Interviewed on Israel Television, Sarid said that the Alignment had become a centrist bloc, and that all its factions had made too many compromises. The time has come for the Alignment's left and right wings to go their separate ways, Sarid said.

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set faction chairman Elazar Granot said that it would not be the "deciding meeting." That will come only when a national unity government is about to be formed.

Granot predicted that the meeting would be a general discussion of the coalition negotiations, rather than an attempt to arrive at a decision on what stand Mapam should take.

However, other party sources did not entirely discount the possibility of a proposal to split the Alignment being brought to the vote, though they thought it unlikely.

Likud courts Abuhatzzeira to stymie Labour

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud yesterday appeared to be mobilizing the one-man Tami Knesset faction to block the Alignment from forming a narrow coalition. According to Likud sources, Tami and the Likud yesterday achieved an understanding in principle on cooperation similar to the one signed last week by the Alignment and Yahad.

But Tami's sole Knesset member, Aaron Abuhatzzeira, denied having already agreed to form a bloc with the Likud. He said he would consider such an offer if it was made.

Likud sources said that the agreement, whose signing was being held up over "technical" details, gives Tami three "real" places in the Likud Knesset list, the option to join the Likud as a faction, and a ministerial portfolio to Abuhatzzeira even in a national unity government.

The sources said the offer to Tami was made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, but that disagreements were still to be ironed out.

Abuhatzzeira said he was in contact with Likud leaders, but that there had been no meetings yesterday and no agreements had been reached. He noted that he did not rule out

such an offer, either by the Alignment or the Likud.

Abuhatzzeira is due to meet Alignment Chairman Shimon Peres today. Asked when he would give the Likud an answer as to whom he would support, Abuhatzzeira replied that he had not had any offers which required an answer.

Alignment sources said that Abuhatzzeira had offered both the Likud and the Alignment his support in exchange for a minister's portfolio and three realistic places on the Knesset list. The Alignment would not agree to all these demands, the sources said.

Israel 'westernized' Soviet-built tanks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel has developed far-reaching improvements for the Soviet-made T-54 and T-55 tanks it has captured in its wars.

One of the "westernized" tanks was shown to defence reporters yesterday during a visit to an Ordnance Corps testing unit south of here.

The hull and turret have been retained, and the tanks still have their original low silhouettes. But their 100 millimetre cannons have been replaced with a 105mm gun, enabling them to use locally-produced shells.

The original tank treads have also been kept on, as they are among the best in the world and have a low attrition rate. According to OC Ordnance Corps Tat-Aluf Tuvia Margalit.

The upgraded tanks have been equipped with a locally produced

fire-control system, described yesterday as one of the best in the world, and with a laser rangefinder that informs the gunner of the exact distance to the target.

In the past, tank commanders had to estimate the distance to their targets. According to Margalit, they often erred so that it took up to three and four shells before a direct hit could be scored.

Missing the target increases the danger that the attacking tank's position will be exposed. The new device thus increases the tank's survivability, enabling direct hits with the first shot.

Another device provides weather data, as atmospheric conditions can affect a shell's trajectory.

A thermal sleeve on the tank's gun ensures a uniform temperature along the entire length of the barrel. Without the sleeve, the section of the barrel exposed to the sun would be much warmer, bringing on possi-

ble warping, which could affect a shell's accuracy, Margalit said.

The improved tanks also have a new turret-control system, which keeps the gun zeroed in on the target, even while the vehicle is moving over rough terrain.

Other improvements include a General Motors engine adapted to the tank's chassis.

At a news conference marking Ordnance Corps Day, Margalit indicated that the Soviet-built tanks are nevertheless inferior to those from the West. In all encounters with Israel's Merkava tanks, for example, even the best Russian-made tank, the T-72, lost, he said.

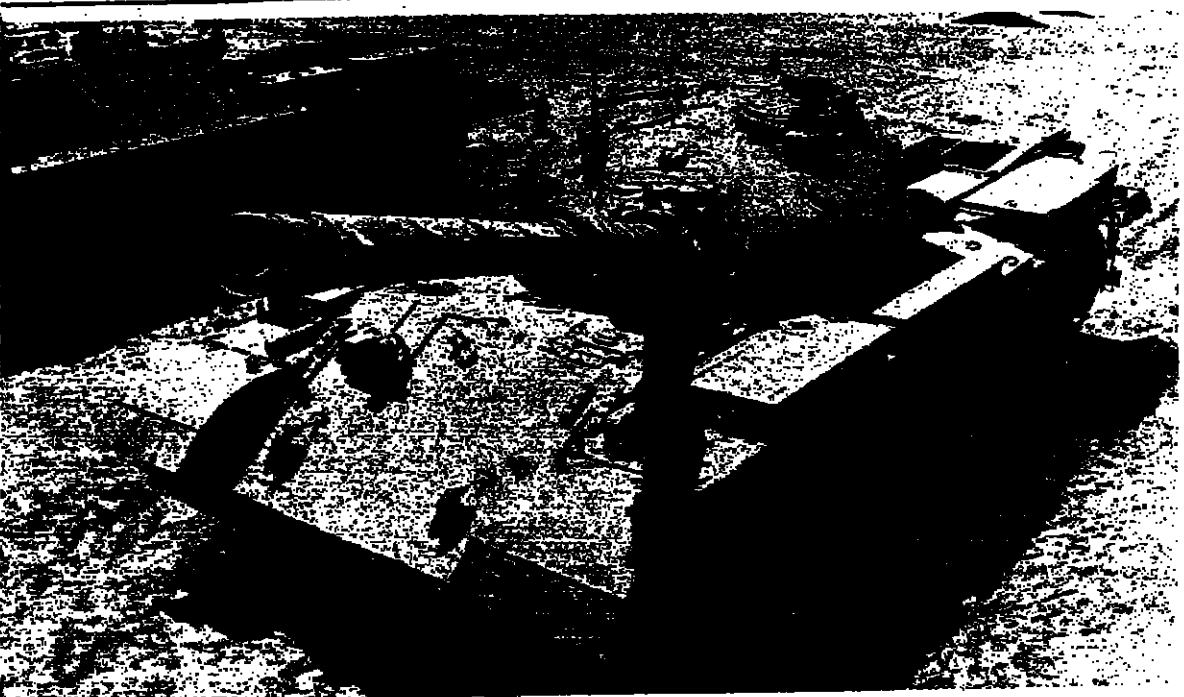
Israel has meanwhile ceased production of the Merkava Mark I and is now building only the Mark II version, which has a better engine, an improved fire-control system, and better defences for its occupants. Planners, headed by former OC

Armoured Corps O/C Yisrael Tal, are already working on a Mark III version, Margalit said.

The display prepared for reporters also included a turretless Centurion tank outfitted to carry six soldiers and replace the M-113 armoured troop carrier in high-risk areas of Lebanon. This invention called, in Hebrew, Nagmashot, has already saved IDF lives.

Margalit said there have been two incidents in which the Nagmashots hit mines and the occupants were not hurt. He indicated he believed the result would have been different had they travelled in a regular armoured troop carrier.

Margalit indicated the Nagmashot's cost was reasonable. The IDF has enough Centurion hulls, and later it could reinstall the turrets and make these "nagmashim" tanks again.



An improved T-54/55 tank upgraded under the newly unveiled Israeli system. To the left is the Nagmashot armoured personnel carrier, built on the chassis of a Centurion tank. (Herzl Kunsari)

HOME NEWS

Confrontation seen today
1,000 police to await
Kahane at Umm el-Fahm

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly 1,000 policemen and Border Police will await Knesset Member Meir Kahane and his supporters today outside the Nahal Iron village of Umm el-Fahm. They will prevent Kahane's supporters—many of whom have said they plan to come armed—from entering the village, and are considering ways to prevent the MK from entering the village as well.

Police sources said that Nitzav Yehzekel Cardy, head of criminal investigations, will get up-to-the-minute reports on the situation outside the village. Since Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan is ill, Cardy is the top officer in national headquarters. Northern District Commander Rahamim Haddad will command police on the scene.

Kahane yesterday held a news conference in Jerusalem outlining his plans for today's demonstration. At the same time, Interior Minister Yosef Burg was reporting to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on police strategy.

According to police sources, the police will be able to justify preventing Kahane from entering the village if the commander on the scene decides that the Kach leader's presence in the village would endanger life and limb.

Much will depend on the atmosphere at the barricades outside the village when Kahane and his supporters arrive and whether villagers go

out to meet him and anti-Kahane activists turn out in large numbers. According to a ministry statement, Kahane's purpose in visiting Umm el-Fahm is to "bring about ferment and unrest, and undermine the relationship of coexistence between Jews and Arabs in the state."

Burg told Shamir that the police have readied nearly 1,000 troops who will "act firmly to preserve law and order." He also telephoned the head of the Umm el-Fahm local council to ask him to call for restraint on the part of the villagers.

But the deputy chairman of the council last night told a radio interviewer that the council "has lost control" in the village, where tensions have been rising ever since Kahane's election to the Knesset. The village will be on strike today to protest against the Kahane visit.

MKS Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour) and Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) yesterday lobbied in the Knesset hoping to find other parliamentarians to go to the village today to "form a barrier between Kahane and the residents."

But according to some reports from the Knesset, the two MKs had little success, with even Mapam MKs saying: "there's no need to run after Kahane every time he does something."

The two MKs also called on Jews and Arabs who go to the village today to restrain themselves in the face of what they called Kahane's "poison."



Gila Ram. (Erd)

Kindergarten
teacher picked as
deputy union head

TEL AVIV. — Gila Ram, a 57-year-old kindergarten teacher, has been elected deputy secretary-general of the Histadrut Teachers Union — the first time in the union's history that a woman has attained such a senior position.

"I'm very proud that someone from kindergarten did it," was her reaction to her election. "It proves what I have been saying for years, that kindergarten teachers are as capable as anyone else of performing all executive functions in the union."

Ram, a sabra, attended the Eshkol Kindergarten Teachers Training Institute in Jerusalem and has a B.A. in education and philosophy from the Hebrew University.

In addition to teaching in kindergarten, she has trained other kindergarten teachers and has served as chairman of the union's kindergarten teachers division and as head of the union's organization division.

Visiting German general sees IDF as model

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A generation ago, the last thing anyone might have imagined was a German general coming to Israel to see how the Jewish army educates its soldiers.

Brigadier General Dietrich Genschel, who is in charge of leadership, personnel and education in the Defense Ministry in Bonn, spent six "very good and interesting days" with the Israel Defense Forces recently and was "overwhelmed by the welcome," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He was the guest of his IDF counterpart, Aluf Amos Yaron, OC Manpower Branch.

The youthful-looking 50-year-old general, who has served with the Bundeswehr for 28 years, believes in universal compulsory military service for Germany. Seventeen years ago, while still a captain on study leave at Freiburg University, he chose for his doctoral thesis the subject "The role of the new concept of citizen-soldiers in the planning of the Bundeswehr."

"I always considered the IDF as a prototype of such a people's army and was eager to see for myself how you do it," he said. When at last he found time to come here, he expressed his interest and received the invitation from Yaron.



Gen. Genschel

The IDF kept him busy.

"I attended Golan Brigade maneuvers in the Negev and saw how your training works, from the big brass through the officers to the men."

"I visited the army's leadership school in Gilo, the pilot-training school in Hatzorim, the officers' school in Mitzpe Ramon and met the OC Women's Corps (Hen), Aluf-Mishne (Col.) Amira Dotan, be-

cause I am also interested in the integration of women in the armed services," Genschel said.

He also visited Yad Vashem, Beth Hatefutsoth Museum, Masada and Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem.

"Now I can understand how the context of all these can provide your soldiers with motivation and an understanding why they have to serve their country for so many years."

The easy-going general, who was wearing jeans and gym shoes when I met him on the second part of his visit—five days of a private tour with Tat Aluf (res.) Eli Levy, a former attaché in Bonn—typifies the "new German" whom the late David Ben-Gurion hoped to see.

Obviously deeply moved by what Yad Vashem had shown him, he said: "We Germans have to carry the burden of our history. I know why you have Yad Vashem. I can't escape our crimes."

Though this was his first visit to Israel, his indirect association with the country dates back to his university days, when he was chairman of the German-Israeli Society on campus.

Now that he has seen Israel and its armed forces, he bubbles with enthusiasm over the tree planting, the kibbutzim and the "modesty of your army. The concentration on the

necessary essentials is something we can also learn from," he said. The role of a nation's history in the education, morale-building and motivation of soldiers is another.

In 1982, when Genschel was serving as a colonel in an armoured regiment stationed in Westphalia, he had his troops help in the reconstruction of the partially ruined synagogue in the city of Hagen.

The general explained that, at that time, he was seeking to launch a dialogue between the local peace movement and the army, since he feels cooperation is always better than confrontation.

One of his targets for cooperation was the local church. A theologian put him in contact with a local expert in historical reconstruction, who in turn asked for the army's help to save the old building from collapse.

"I agreed on condition that the peace groups match the number of my men, guessing that getting together on a practical job of work would be a very good start." He also considered the task as something owed to the memory of the Jews of Hagen.

"It was a very good way to tell my soldiers of our past, and my major and sergeant-major studied the painful past and lectured the troops on the Jewish community and what we were doing and why," he said.

Uzan says absorption
assistance may be cut

By JUDY SIEGEL

Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan last week sent a letter to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, warning that aid to new olim will have to be reduced due to a nearly 50 per cent cut in the ministry's funding.

The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday from Absorption Ministry officials that the Ministry's real budget for the current fiscal year is only \$27.7 million, down from \$53.6m. the previous fiscal year. The budget was halved, they said, although aliya figures are expected to be the same this year as last, and some olim require more financial help than those from western countries.

According to ministry officials, the severe cut in funds is due to the

depreciation of the shekel and the late and incomplete compensation for inflation by the treasury.

Uzan, in his August 22 letter, said that if no solution is found, the ministry will not be able to carry out important absorption functions, and the promises of aliya emissaries abroad will not be kept.

Uzan's letter, according to Absorption Ministry sources, a number of letters sent to the Finance Ministry as far back as last January have not been answered either.

Among the benefits and functions likely to be affected by the budget squeeze are initial subsistence money and unemployment benefits for new olim, as well as retraining courses.

The Treasury official in charge of the Absorption Ministry's budget was not available for comment.

Local bands rock in Ganei Yehoshua

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of youngsters were expected to fill the Wohl Amphitheatre in Ganei Yehoshua (Hayarkon park) last night, for the first of three consecutive rock-music marathons organized by *Yediot Aharonot* and the Tel Aviv municipality.

Eleven Israeli groups, some unknown, will play in the first half of each night's show, in a variety of styles.

The groups, from all over the country, are Spark, Aroussia, What-

ever Comes, Fuse, WX, Requiem, Oxygen, China, Medium, Red Lighter and Omen. In the second part of each night's concert, leading Israeli rock groups will appear.

Jean Conflict with Rami Fortis were to appear last night. Public Peace tonight and Siam tomorrow night. A British group, Shriekback, is also to appear on the final night.

Tickets, which people are advised to buy in advance, cost \$1,000 for each of the first two nights and \$2,500 for the final night, and are available at Tel Aviv's Dan Cinema and at the Wohl Amphitheatre before the show.

Justices to weigh insurance cartel case

The High Court of Justice yesterday said it will need time to reach a decision on a petition by the Israel Consumer Council against price-fixing and other cartel behaviour by the country's insurance companies.

The suit is also directed against the Restrictive Trade Practices Council, which by law is exclusively empowered to license cartel activity. But in the case of the insurance companies, the petitioner charges, this body gave the companies a *carte blanche* to set premiums and conditions, improperly delegating its supervisory authority to the insurance commissioner.

Not only did this compromise the public's rights as established in the

Restrictive Trade Practices Law, the petitioner argues, but the companies even exceeded the discretionary power given them, failing to win even the insurance commissioner's approval for the prices and policy conditions they set.

The petitioners therefore asked that the permission given the insurance companies to act as a cartel be revoked.

Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar, Relieving President Justice Miriam Ben-Porath, and Justice Shoshana Netanyahu heard the arguments of both sides and announced that they would give their judgement at an unspecified later date. (Itim)

TA 'matchmakers' charged with prostitution

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Six women were charged in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday with running a prostitution ring under the guise of a matchmaking service, and were released on \$120,000 bail each.

Some of the women, who range in age from 22 to 30, are married and have children, and the judge agreed to their request that their names not be released for publication.

Five of them allegedly received their clients in hotels and private apartments, and charged between \$10,000 and \$35,000 for their services. The clients were sent to the five by the sixth woman, who the police said worked for a Tel Aviv firm specializing in matchmaking.

The police said the suspects were all cooperating.

Policeman charged with beating deliveryman

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A police officer from the Yarkon station was charged yesterday in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court with having attacked a newspaper distributor last November.

According to the charges, officer Hen Dagani allegedly threatened to hit Amnon Barkan, who was delivering newspapers on his bicycle in the early morning.

After Barkan went to the Yarkon

police station and filed a complaint, Dagani allegedly went looking for him and beat him repeatedly. According to the charge sheet, after Barkan went back to the police to lodge another complaint against the officer, Dagani informed him that he was under arrest for attacking a policeman and fleeing from custody. Dagani then put him into a police vehicle, at which time he allegedly threatened Barkan again.

5 detained on suspicion of meat-for-drugs thefts

HAIFA (Itim). — Five men were remanded for an additional 10 days yesterday on suspicion of stealing meat from a butcher shop and exchanging it for drugs.

The police representative told Haifa Magistrates Court Judge Hanoch Shiloni that Omar Mahmud

Yaguri, 25, and a minor from Kabul village near Acre, both employees in the butcher shop had systematically stolen large quantities of meat from the shop over the past few months and had "sold" it to Moshe Boganim, 33, and Assaf Ivgi, 44, both of Haifa, for dangerous drugs. The fifth suspect is Yussef Dib Hif, 30, from Arab al-Hilf.

The police representative also told the court that the gang was caught when the minor was picked up on Sunday with stolen meat in his bag. The five suspects all denied the police allegations.



The principal of the Ort Kennedy school in Jerusalem, Zevulun Seri, checks the schedule of classes in preparation for the new school year due to begin on Sunday. (Ronit Ne'eman)

Israel enters international lime market

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — Lime trees, planted in Israel for the first time several years ago, are bearing fruit, and the small green citrus fruit is available in local markets, and is also being exported.

The lime, which resembled the lemon, is more bitter and tart than that fruit. Because of the small quantities available, it is fetching a good price here.

Menashe Davidson, the chief agronomist of the Mehadrim Citrus company, told a news conference at the Hilton Hotel here yesterday that there are now about 250 dunams of lime in the country, of which about 30 are already yielding fruit. Next year, about 100 dunams are expected to bear fruit.

Davidson said that the lime does not even have a Hebrew name. It had a tough time getting adjusted to

the Israeli climate, he said, because it is originally a tropical fruit coming from India and Burma.

Today, the biggest lime growers are in India and Mexico. The Indian lime is a much bigger one and has pits. The Mexican, or West Indies, lime is much smaller and grows without seeds. The West Indies lime is the type being grown in Israel.

According to Davidson, the lime is more expensive than the lemon, but gives over 10 per cent more juice, and because the local lime does not have pits it is easier to use in the kitchen and in the bar.

Davidson said it was still too early to tell how successful Israeli limes would be abroad. He cited the stiff competition from Mexico and the West Indies, which are competing with Israel for the European market, and the high shipping costs.

He said that the lime, unlike the

other citrus fruits Israel exports, is airfreighted to Europe.

"The fruit reaches European markets between 24 and 48 hours after being picked," Davidson said. "There is a need to do so because, unlike other citrus fruit, the lime is not treated and waxed against rot disease." This is because it is used heavily in the making of cocktails, and for this reason its peel is left natural.

The Hilton is holding what it calls its "Lime Time Festival." This event will continue for at least another week (the peak lime season is during July, August and September).

The Hilton chefs have prepared a list of treats and drinks made with limes, including lime chiffon pie, a tequila lime cocktail, sautéed goose liver sprinkled with lime, and crisp roast duckling with lime and honey sauce.

Ginosar to harvest
its first red bananas

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

TEL AVIV. — The first crop of red bananas is about to be harvested at Kibbutz Ginosar near here. Agrexco has started an advertising campaign for the bananas in Europe.

Kibbutz member Amnon Ronen saw the red bananas on a visit to the Indian tribes of Ecuador and brought back several plants, which were planted last year on 10 dunams in the kibbutz's green banana plantation.

Thirty tons of the red variety, said to be tastier than the green, are to be harvested.

Married Bat Yam man held as rape suspect

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man was ordered detained for four days yesterday after a girl of 16 complained to police that he had raped her 2 1/2 years ago.

She told the police that the man, who was married, had raped her in his flat in Bat Yam. She said she had been afraid to tell her parents, but the matter became known to her brother, who had her go to the police.

The police representative told Tel Aviv Magistrates Court Judge David Steinmetz that the man was known to the police and asked that he be detained for seven days, to allow them to complete their investigation.

However, the suspect denied the allegations. He said the girl had made up the whole story after her brother had forced her to explain why she was no longer a virgin.

Amnesiac woman missing from Haifa

HAIFA. — The police yesterday launched a search on Mt. Carmel for 70-year-old Sabina Mirovsky, missing since Monday noon when she received ambulatory treatment at the Fleishman Hospital. The woman suffers from amnesia.

Mirovsky, who lives in Sderot Moriah, is 1.55 metres tall, stout, with brown eyes and grey hair. She speaks Hebrew, Polish and German. Investigators ask those who may know the woman's whereabouts to contact them.

15-month sentence for
Carmiel park extortion

HAIFA (Itim). — A Carmiel youth was sentenced to 15 months in prison yesterday for threatening vendors in a Carmiel park last Independence Eve to overturn their wares if they did not pay \$1,000 for his services.

He is Shai Adika, 21, who, the District Court judge said in passing sentence, has served jail sentences for other offenses, and apparently has not learned his lesson.

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STORM OVER STATEMENT

The Post's Walter Ruby reports from New York on the controversy which followed a Jewish delegation's visit to Nicaragua.

A REAGAN administration official has sharply condemned a statement by a leftist Jewish delegation which absolved the Sandinista regime of conducting a policy of anti-Semitism in Nicaragua.

The delegation, which visited Nicaragua earlier this month, was drawn from members of the New Jewish Agenda (NJA), which describes itself as a "progressive Jewish organization concerned with human rights and Jewish peoplehood."

The Sandinista regime, said the delegation in their statement, "confirmed to us...that Nicaragua welcomes Jewish participation...in the reconstruction of a pluralist society."

But in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights Elliot Abrams, who had earlier accused the Sandinistas of being anti-Semitic

and Communist, charged that the delegation was serving as "Sandinista apologists."

He also criticized the delegation's call on the U.S. government to "desist from the escalation of violence (in Central America)" and to "seek out ways of creative dialogue" with the Sandinistas.

"It was not enough for them (the NJA) to say they did not find anti-Semitism," said Abrams. "They also go on to speak of Nicaragua's new pluralistic society."

"No one, except Sandinista apo-

logists, believes any longer that they are trying to build a pluralistic society. Restrictions on liberty continue to grow day by day."

THE NJA statement was also attacked by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who claimed that the Sandinistas had driven the entire Jewish community — about 50 people — into exile. "I don't think the trip was constructive from a Jewish standpoint. I

thought it was harmful to Jewish interests," he said.

Noting that the statement had been featured recently in the pro-Sandinista newspaper *Nuevo Diario*, Rosenthal added: "Clearly, the Sandinistas will use this statement to support their claim that there is no policy of anti-Semitism, and that they have no responsibility for anti-Semitism."

Rosenthal also noted that the statement made no mention of a meeting held by NJA members with Nicaraguan Jewish emigres in Miami

before the delegation left for Nicaragua: "I think it is revealing that there is no reference to that meeting in Miami — a total lack of reference to the experience of fellow Jews."

"The statement is reflective of a definite political bias. I think the Jewish part of this trip was just a pretext for attacking the Reagan administration policy on Nicaragua."

COMMENTING ON the criticism, Rabbi Gerald Serotta, president of the NJA and leader of the delegation

to Nicaragua, said: "We plan to issue a report on our trip on September 4, in which we will discuss our meeting with the (Nicaraguan) Jews in Miami and our perceptions of developments in Nicaragua."

"Our statement did not say that there is presently pluralism in Nicaragua, but rather that we believe they will move in that direction."

"I think that our trip could only be helpful to the emigre Jews in Miami and to the few Jews remaining in Nicaragua by showing the Nicaraguan government that American Jews

care enough about the issue to come down there to investigate the allegations and express concern."

DESPITE THEIR ATTACKS on the NJA visit, both Rosenthal and Abrams declined to accuse the Sandinistas of following a deliberate policy of anti-Semitism in an effort to drive out Nicaragua's small Jewish community.

"I do not say that the Sandinistas had a conscious policy of anti-Semitism," said Rosenthal. "What I can say is that the Nicaraguan Jews had certain experiences at the hands of the Sandinistas which caused them to flee."

Said Abrams: "I am not saying there was a concerted campaign by the Sandinistas to drive out the Jews. I do believe, however, that the effect of Sandinista thinking and activity was to drive out the Jews."

A type of Yiddish

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Hugh Denman...enormously pleased.

(Dan Landau)

WHAT DOES an Englishman teaching German at a Northern Ireland university have in common with a Japanese American living in Honolulu? Answer: A Yiddish "golf ball."

Hugh Denman, of Queen's University, Belfast, refers to it affectionately as a "dos Yiddische kapale." But this particular golf ball is not one to be hit around great green expanses. It's a much more sophisticated specimen which is entirely in its element in an IBM Selectric or a dual-pitch typewriter. It is also compatible with some Remington Rand machines and certain Japanese typewriters.

Hebrew golf balls have been around for some time. So, one may ask, what is the point of producing a Yiddish typewriter golf ball if the Hebrew alphabet is employed in the writing of Yiddish?

In fact, it's the point that makes the difference.

Until the Yiddish golf ball was developed, vowel signs for typed material in both Yiddish and Hebrew were either omitted entirely or inserted by hand. There was no machine which could type fully pointed Hebrew. And by the same token, Yiddish was equally bereft of machine-printed signs to serve as guides for pronunciation.

Because Yiddish is a phonetic language, that under-vowel problem is not immediately obvious. But Yiddish, like other languages, has numerous dialects which incorporate odd gems of vocabulary gleaned from host countries in which Jews found themselves, plus a variety of accents and lilt.

The YIVO research institute, founded in Vilna in 1925 and based in New York since World War II, has long advocated uniform pronunciation for Yiddish, thus far with only limited success. The golf ball may well be the vital link in achieving uniformity.

DENMAN IDENTIFIES the golf ball as Yiddish rather than Hebrew because it originated from his own interest in Yiddish which, in turn, developed from a deep curiosity about life and culture in Eastern Europe.

Discovering that familiarity with Yiddish provided, in some cases, the only access to the study of ancient German texts, the only records of which are set down in Hebrew characters, Denman began studying Yiddish in 1970. Seven years ago, he introduced Yiddish language and literature to Queen's University as an optional course, simply because "no one else in Britain and Ireland was teaching it."

It was when he wanted to type hand-outs for the students enrolled in the Yiddish course that he was surprised to learn that there was no adequate typewriter available. He couldn't even get hold of an antique manual typewriter whose keyboard

had at least some of the under-vowels.

The absence of a proper typing facility frustrated not only Denman but also, apparently, Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, who is reported to have said during the prize-giving ceremonies in Stockholm that what he really wanted was a good Yiddish typewriter.

Five years ago, at a Yiddish conference in Oxford, the subject of the typewriter was again raised for discussion, at which time Denman rashly said that it should be relatively simple to find a solution. Whereupon, his colleagues appointed him to do just that.

A product of the technological age, Denman presumed that after a few conversations with people in the know at IBM, the whole thing would sort itself out. And well it might, except that IBM wanted \$75,000 for its trouble, and Denman didn't have that kind of money to lay out for a prototype.

Then someone told him about Camvil in Honolulu, a company specializing in custom projects. They were willing to take on the assignment, but Denman had to design the letters and provide the company with large engineering-scale drawings.

DENMAN'S CONTACT in Honolulu was a Japanese to whom Yiddish was akin to gibberish. As a result, there were numerous phone calls between either Belfast or London (where Denman has his permanent home) and Honolulu.

Denman believes that it might have been cheaper to go to Honolulu than to pay for the cost of the phone calls. Camvil kept on sending him proof balls which were not exactly right, and for a long time it seemed that the ball was never going to get off the ground.

But a few months ago everything clicked into place, and now academics in the field of Yiddish find it much easier and cheaper to get their manuscripts printed.

Denman points out that the cost of academic printing has become "prohibitively expensive" and academics, particularly those preparing poly-lingual material, will be pleased to be able to produce a compact, type-faced manuscript of camera-ready copy which will obviate the need for having papers professionally printed.

When Denman first started working on the golf ball, he contacted various Yiddish scholars throughout the world to consult with them on the features to be incorporated in the element. Had he gone along with all the suggestions, he would have had to design something in the nature of a rounded egg-timer. The maximum number of characters which the golf ball can accommodate is 88. If the Yiddishists had had their way, Denman would have had to find room for 150 characters.

Nonetheless, the ball has all the combinations necessary for standard Yiddish orthographics as well as historical orthographics, which can be typed at a single stroke. The process is not quite as simple

for pointed Hebrew. All the vowel signs are separate characters and the typist has to overstrike to achieve the desired results.

TO FINANCE the project, Denman approached the League for Yiddish in New York which secured grants to the value of \$6,000 from the Mayer and Tzippe Fruchtbaum Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Judah Zeilich Charitable Trust.

Denman overspent his budget by \$1,000, but even so, he is enormously pleased that the development cost of the golf ball was substantially lower than the price quoted by IBM. The finished product retails at \$100 per golf ball. There's no need to purchase a typewriter with a Hebrew or bilingual keyboard. Adhesive letters are included with the golf ball package for instant keyboard conversion.

Denman notes the paradox that while Yiddish is declining as a spoken language, the academic study of Yiddish is increasing. Yiddish is also preserved in many ultra-Orthodox Ashkenazi circles.

Denman delights in walking through those quarters of Jerusalem or New York which are densely populated by religious Jews, because it is in areas such as these that small children, chattering to each other in Yiddish, provide living proof that Yiddish is far from being a dead language.

Yiddish is not a field of study exclusively dominated by Jews, says Denman. Indeed, there are quite a number of non-Jews like himself who are working in the field, particularly in Germany. Ironically, he notes, Germany was the first country to recognize the academic importance of Yiddish.

The first chair in Yiddish was established at Hamburg University in 1928. Yiddish as a field of study was just coming into its own when the Nazis came to power in 1933. Specialists were encouraging the study but had to abandon their enthusiasm for fear of violent Nazi reaction.

Interest was revived some years after the war, but the Yiddish revival with the greatest impact is taking place in America.

In Israel, too, there has been a resurgence in Yiddish research. Secular antipathy towards Yiddish in the early days of the state has melted. "Now that people no longer see Yiddish as a threat to Hebrew," says Denman, "they can be more generous."

Denman admits that if he had known that it would take him more than four years to get the golf ball to the production stage he wouldn't have embarked on the project in the first place. Now, he's waiting to test response to see which direction "dos Yiddische kapale" will take. Meanwhile, he takes a modest view of what he thus far accomplished: "It was really done as a kind of *mizva* to the field."

He is particularly pleased with one incident — a young man from Musarra asked him to guarantee his bond in order to become a building contractor. Carter did so and now, he says, the young man is well for another Musarra resident who was getting started.

BUT ISRAEL and Los Angeles are not Carter's only areas of interest: He has been awarded a citation by the Emperor of Japan for his services in helping to improve Japanese-American relations as head of the Los Angeles Japanese-American community.

Popular hosts and warm "people-lovers," the Carters celebrated Victor Carter's 75th birthday last week in their penthouse apartment atop the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem.

It seemed that almost everyone was there including the mayor of Jerusalem and almost enough ministers to have called a cabinet meeting.

But there were also clerks and secretaries and people from Project Renewal who all had one thing in common, somewhere their lives had crossed the life of Carter and he had become a friend.

Two special guests of the Carters this week were Idell Faulkner-Quinn, who has been designing Carter offices and homes for 24 years, and their family maid, a black American woman who has been with them for 40 years.

A modern mobile sculpture, designed by Carter's friend, Jerusalem sculptor Michael Katz was the conversation piece of the birthday gathering, and at a balcony lunch the medley of Hebrew and English reflected the two lives of Victor Carter who admits, "I can say 'I don't speak Hebrew' perfectly!"

A vote of confidence

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Victor Carter... "Nothing must be spared to educate the right people."

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In fact, Carter says that he cannot emphasize too strongly the need for more technical training in the younger age groups. Without a proper technical background from early youth, he says, it is impossible to create the technologists necessary to staff the plants of the future on which, he feels, Israel must base its hopes.

"Whatever happens," says Carter, "whatever must be sacrificed due to economic problems, if technical training is not increased then it will be a mistake for which Israel will pay dearly. Nothing must be spared in order to educate the right people for the right kind of industry."

CARTER HAS an impressive record of service to Israel. In 1968 and 1972, he chaired the Israel Economic Conference and played a large role in getting American businessmen to invest some \$200m. in Israel.

But although he is known as both an investor and a philanthropist, Carter is happiest when he can help someone to help themselves. That is why he prefers investment to charity.

Carter feels the same way about his deep involvement with Project Renewal in Musarra: "We haven't always gotten a good press over the Musarra activities," says Carter, "but all in all the project is a success."

IT A TIME when almost everyone, including government officials, are showing signs of failing confidence in Israel's ability to pull itself out of its economic quagmire, increase its gross national product and compete with the world for industrial products, it was a refreshing change to speak with a man who is confident.

American industrialist Victor Carter, whose investments and donations in Israel run into the multi-million dollar category, told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that he had absolute faith in the future of Israel's conventional and high-technology industry.

Carter, who immigrated to the U.S. from Russia as a boy 63 years ago and made his multi-millions in the industrial world, is a man who has rarely backed a loser. And Israel, he says, is not a potential loser. That is why he is willing to invest here.

Carter, who is on the executive board of both Clal Industries and Israel Discount Bank's IDBM, spends several months each year in Israel with his wife, Andrea, whom he married 56 years ago, when she was 18 and he 19 years old. Their only daughter is a practicing psychologist in Los Angeles, where Carter spends the remaining months of the year and is active in many projects, including the directorship of the City of Hope Free Hospital. Having lost their only son from muscular dystrophy when he was 16 years old, the Carters are also active in the fight against this disease.

CARTER, chairman of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University from 1970 to 1976, says that the first thing he did when he took over (at the request of the late prime minister Golda Meir) was to build the Joseph

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

WHEREVER the citizen focuses his gaze today upon Israeli life, he sees crisis. On the level of parliament and government the crisis lurches daily between soap opera and Greek tragedy. A step away there hangs a guillotine over the economy. Lurking nearby it seems are deepening discords over religious issues and darkening clouds over democracy. The list is long and familiar. It cannot be collected under one concept for diagnosis. But it does have one overriding consequence: national introversion or, perhaps more correctly, perverse national narcissism.

We have suffered from the malady before, but never to the same degree. In the years just before the Six Day War, when our neighbours appeared busy with themselves, when the economy appeared to stagnate together with the hope and idealism that had punctuated an earlier time, then too we focussed upon domestic infirmity.

And again, before the Yom Kippur War, when intoxicated with presumed invincibility against external threat, we made windows into mirrors, pursuing every presumed and real crack with the pathological intensity at which we excel.

In each case, when the world outside the mirror came crashing through, we were surprised. And in each case we vowed, collectively, not to be surprised, not to be captured by introversion, again. And in each case the lesson was forgotten.

Today, more profoundly than any time before, we are in such subjective enthrall. The private demons and desires of desperate or myopic men insensible to statecraft and statehood strut largely upon the stage, in religious and non-religious guise. And the passions of partisan interest and personal ambition eject from view all equations of our national power besides the arithmetic of our autism.

But there is a world out there impervious to our fantasies, emboldened by our solipsism.

That world is eclipsed by the shadow of our self involvement. And when it is invoked, it is invoked by the demonologists for political advantage.

That world has needs and calculations of its own. They form the reality that will test our own.

In the past, despite our lapses into introversion, we were always able to emerge with our sense of the real world, and the real perils intact. Those perils do not exist as phantoms from the past. They do not exist in or outside the halacha, they do not exist in Petah Tikva or Umm al Fahm, they do not exist in rotatza, the Treasury, charter flights, ancient graves or the black market.

They exist in Teheran, and Damascus and Jedda and Baghdad - and perhaps farther and nearer. But those who foment perils within, for that is all they can know and can see and can exploit for secular or mystic purpose are inert to the continued fragility of the state, and the sensibility that requires.

The true reason why a new government with new directions is needed, and quickly, is to jar the nation out of its introversion, to put the demons and demon makers back into the bottles, to awaken the nation from its autistic trance, and to get on with the task of living in and building for the real tests with the real world.

TEACHERS' BONUS

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workers," such as Electric Corporation and refinery employees, who will demand the parity bonus too.

He said the bonus was designed for a small and specific group of workers in various occupations, including some engineers, who for one reason or another have not gotten special salary increments which other groups received.

He said the teachers have already gotten their special increment through implementation of the Etzioni recommendations and if they now get the parity bonus they will be getting a 32 per cent overall wage increase instead of the 24 per cent all other public sector employees received under the national wage agreement.

In response, Bayer said the salary increases teachers will get under the

Etzioni recommendations will amount to 12 per cent over the next two years. If the teachers do not get the parity bonus, and the gap between them and the engineers (which the Etzioni recommendations were designed to close) widens, then the fight for Etzioni will have been for nothing, she said.

At a news conference yesterday, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said education and strikes do not mix. He said he hoped the school year would start on schedule.

PARKING LOT. - The Ramat Gan Municipality plans to publish a public tender for bids to build a parking lot for 50 cars on the site of the former magistrates court building, which burned down about two months ago.

AIR FORCE RAID

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breaks of fighting both in the capital and in the northern port of Tripoli. The police said two persons were killed in overnight battles in mostly Moslem Beirut and six others died in Tripoli, 80 kilometres north of Beirut.

State- and privately owned radio stations in Lebanon said Syrian soldiers surrounded the site of yesterday's raid, on a farm only a few kilometres from where Israeli and Syrian soldiers have faced each other since Israel's 1982 invasion.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon station said the Israeli jets made two passes in the five-minute raid and struck targets each time.

Syrian-backed Prime Minister Rashid Karamah met yesterday evening with Druse militia leader Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite Moslem chieftain Nabih Berri. Though both men are members of Karamah's cabinet, they have resisted government plans to deploy the Lebanese army in Druse-controlled mountains east of Beirut.

Karamah said beforehand he expected all cabinet members to attend a cabinet session scheduled for today. But Jumblatt, who has been demanding political reforms in exchange for deployment of the army in his area, said he was not sure he would attend.

With the leaders of warring factions in Karamah's "National Coalition" cabinet stalled for weeks in efforts to implement the mountain security plan, Beirut itself has seen increasing outbreaks of violence. The latest was a five-hour gun battle early yesterday, with the first clash between Sunni and Shi'ite Moslem militiamen in the nine-year civil war.

According to police sources, the battle started in west Beirut's Tarik Jiddia neighbourhood when Shi'ite Moslem militiamen seized the Sunni owner of a gambling parlour and killed him.

A Sunni militiaman later told re-

ports that members of a small militia headed by the man's brother, spread out through the area, exchanging fire with fighters of the Shi'ite "Amal" militia until the Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade moved through the streets in armoured personnel carriers at dawn.

The police sources said a second person was killed and six others wounded in the fighting.

The Shi'ites are the largest single sect in Lebanon, but the mainstream Sunni form a majority in Beirut and have begun to show resentment at the influx of Shi'ites from Beirut's southern suburbs and south Lebanon.

In Tripoli, the overnight battles with automatic weapons and mortars involved rival Moslem militias, the pro-Syrian Arabian Knights and the fundamentalist Islamic Unification movement, which have been fighting a two-year war for dominance in the northern port city.

The police said six persons were killed and 12 wounded in yesterday's fighting, which they described as the gravest since a cease-fire was declared last Thursday.

That truce was intended to stop four days of battles last week that left 120 dead and 325 wounded, most of them civilians. Karamah also announced on Sunday a plan to bring a durable peace to the city, but he did not say when the plan would take effect.

Beirut radio stations reported that, as well as dealing with a deteriorating security situation in Beirut and Tripoli, Karamah and other Lebanese politicians spent the day trying to gain support for the complaint against the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon that the U.N. Security Council is to consider today.

Lebanon has maintained that Israel's practices in the southern third of the country constitute "inhuman repression," a charge the Israelis deny.

The challenge for Labour

By ASHER MANIV

THERE MIGHT very well be a Labour-Likud coalition after all, simply because all other options are even less acceptable. But the type of coalition has nothing to do with "national unity." Let us at least do without the pious cant, so fashionable these days, about "reconciliation," "eliminating rifts" and "bridging the gaps."

Differences of opinion, controversy and debate are not only legitimate in a democracy, they are absolutely essential. Indeed, the unending exhortations "to rise above party differences," "to prefer the national good," may have a very dangerous educational effect. For after all the *raison d'être* of political parties is the fact that each one of them has a different view about what is the "national good."

To the democratic mind, national unity is not synonymous with conformity. Controversy is the lifeblood of a free society; conflict is the midwife of all progress. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that whatever the composition of the government the national debate must go on.

PARADOXICALLY, the chance for that to happen in our present parliamentary situation seems to be greater in a Labour-Likud coalition than in a narrow-based Labour-led coalition. In the latter, always on the verge of toppling and probably at the mercy of religious nationalists, with Labour leaders always keeping an eye on the "floating vote" for the next elections, they will be cautious of any real controversy with the right.

At the same time, critics from the left will continually be called upon to take the government's precarious position into account, prove their

"loyalty" and refrain from doing anything which might return Likud to power.

A Labour-Likud coalition, on the other hand, will certainly not put an end to controversy. Not all controversial issues will warrant its breaking up. But both sides will feel themselves obliged to explain to the public where and how they differ from each other. And as far as Labour is concerned, its left will at least not be neutralized by internal restraints.

It seems strange that among all the many good reasons brought forward to convince Mapam to support a Labour-Likud coalition, this point of crucial importance to all the left has been practically overlooked. Yet in our present situation, we must look beyond the routine inter-party negotiations and the struggle for power. The real question is how to win an appropriate vantage-point from which to continue the national debate in the most effective way possible.

THERE IS, however, another side to this story. The Labour Party-Yahad accord - with its provisions "in case Mapam leaves the Alignment" and "in case the Liberals join Yahad" - makes one suspect that Shimon Peres and Ezer Weizman think in terms of changing Israel's political map altogether, turning Labour into some kind of centre alignment and pushing its own left, together with Mapam, into a separate left-wing party.

Such a move, Peres and some of his colleagues apparently believe, would regain "respectability" for the party and allow it greater political maneuverability. The fact is, of course, that there is no example of any large centre party in any par-

liamentary democracy (David Ben-Gurion would turn in his grave if he was cited as being in the "centre" - between the Revisionists and Labour).

But if Peres and his colleagues harbour such illusions, that possibility must be taken into account.

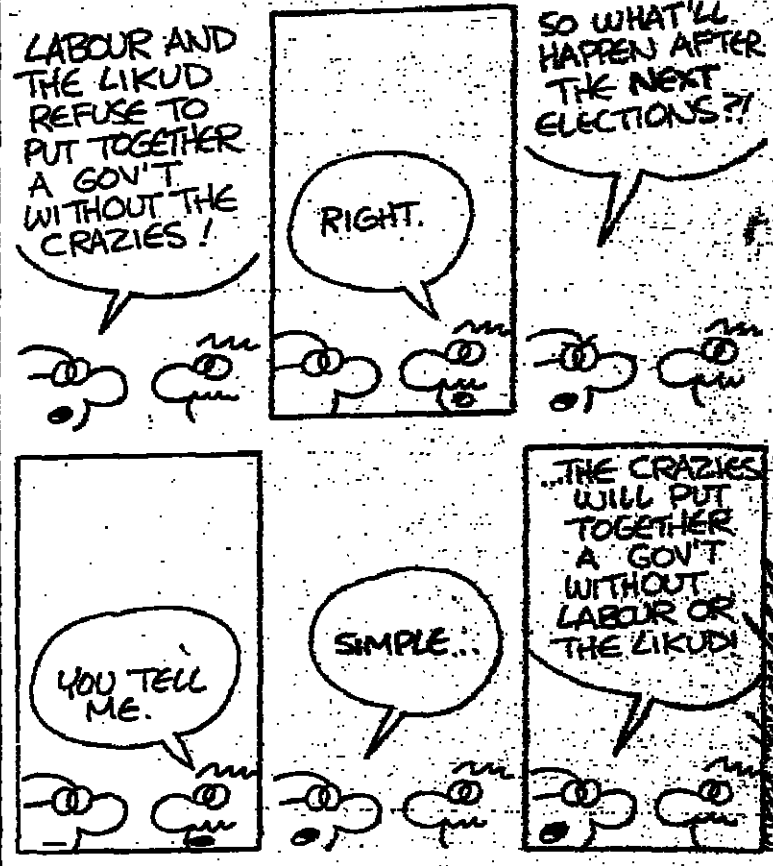
This writer radically opposed a similar proposal by Yossi Sarid two years ago for Labour "to march in two heads." It seemed then that this would inevitably push the Labour Party establishment into what in Europe is called a right-centre coalition. The present move seems to prove that our erstwhile fears were not unfounded.

But if, indeed, those are the intentions of some of the Labour Party leaders, then they should know that they face a break not only with Mapam and with Sarid but also with a large part of their own party. Even if they don't yet think in terms of splitting the Labour Party, if they are contemplating capitulation in any kind or form to the rightward trend in Israeli public opinion, then all those on Labour's left (and this is not an unimportant fringe group) will have no choice but to reappraise their position in such a set-up.

Many people on the left would perhaps consider a three-bloc party arrangement as rather convenient, even pleasant. It would provide them with warmer "political home," but this is not what politics is about. More important, it would enable them to conduct the vital national debate in a more forthright fashion. But it would also entail the most serious political danger to all parts of Labour - of perpetuating right-wing rule for many years to come.

IT MUST BE ADDED that there is

Dry Bones



a very positive aspect to the Peres-Weizman accord, and not necessarily only on the coalition-negotiation front.

In the long run, the great national debate - or perhaps more accurately, the fight for the soul of the nation - cannot be won without some kind of ideological "gospel," a great ethos of ideas, firing the imagination and holding out new hope for the future. In the eyes of the public, Weizman has become the representative of the ethos of peace.

Unlike much of Israeli public opinion, he does not speak about the peace with Egypt as some kind of necessary evil. And in contrast to many Labour Party leaders, he is not ashamed to point to the achievement of peace with all our neighbours as the greatest challenge to Israeli policy at the present time.

In view of the ominous trends in the ruling values of our society, to have this voice speak loudly and

clearly may be of vital importance to all of us.

But Weizman's appeal is, alas, lacking in another aspect. The masses of the people, whose votes Labour tried in vain to recapture, voted Likud, and not necessarily because of hawkish philosophies. They are in need of a different, new ethos - a social one, based on the Zionist-socialist tradition but interpreted in a new spirit which answers the great problem of alienation in the modern world in general, and in Israeli society in particular.

Unless Labour puts its mind to that problem, there is no hope for a radical change of values in Israeli public opinion and all the quest for power will be in vain - even if Labour does indeed form the next government.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I refer to Charles Hoffman's recent article entitled "The world of Jewish study." While each of the statistical tid-bits is probably correct, the article repeats worn out clichés, misses the underlying issues, and offers, at best, palliatives.

To be sure, curricula and methods of instruction in our elementary schools are woefully lacking and urgently in need of rethinking; but the suggestion that "the key to increasing post-bar mitzva enrollment lies in making the schools more interesting on the primary level," is nonsense. There is no evidence of any correlation between the pedagogic soundness of the elementary school and post-bar mitzva continuation.

If Jewish communities are serious about their concern for Jewish survival, they must make a commitment to enhancing the status and qualifications of the Jewish teacher. "Given the reality of most schools which have no more than 12 hours of employment per week available for their teachers, it is reasonable to expect that any community will be in a position to enhance the economic and professional status of their teachers."

The situation is not as bleak as Mr. Hoffman would make it out to be.

I am not convinced that the aggregate level of Jewish knowledge of the American Jewish community is lower now than it has ever been before. To the extent that a major function of Jewish knowledge is to motivate communal commitment and activism, one could argue that we have achieved higher levels than ever before.

Allow me to place several propositions before you:

The prospects of American Jewish education will change when the value our communal leadership visibly places on Jewish knowledge changes. A declaration by the Council of Jewish Federations that 10 years hence, a degree in Judaica along with a professional degree, will be a prerequisite for employment in our communal apparatus will have a greater impact on quality and quantity in American Jewish education than all of our internal efforts at restructuring curriculum and enhancing work conditions.

Viable, professional full-time career opportunities can be created by combining the needs of several Jewish agencies within the community. Many of our professionals do, in fact, carry several part-time positions to support themselves. It is not reasonable to expect that one would regard this type of arrangement as a suitable career choice. An achievable solution is to create a cadre of full-time professionals employed by the community and assign them to suitable responsibilities at different agencies (which, in turn, would reimburse the community for services rendered to them).

JEWISH EDUCATION

If the boards of our federations and communal agencies would visibly devote a portion of their meetings to the study of Jewish texts, they would be creating an example of major importance to Jewish education. If a Jewish educator was honoured occasionally by our central agencies, the example would assume even greater meaning.

Can we achieve that metamorphosis? I do not know. But I do know that, if we are to make any progress, Israel will have to help.

By "selling" Jewish identity and Jewish fulfillment very cheaply, Israel is contributing to the perception that activism is more important than knowledge. Jewish learning is not very relevant if it is possible to achieve the prestige which Israel bestows without it.

One writes a cheque (generous but never sacrificial) or solicits others and becomes an honoured guest at the home of Israel's prime minister, members of the cabinet or the chief of the armed services. A framed photograph with the prime minister, personally autographed, is much more impressive, in our society, than a framed diploma from an institution of Jewish learning and it is easier to achieve.

I understand the realities of fundraising and encouraging political

support. I wish only that Israel would exact a much higher price for the honour which it bestows. Welcome our philanthropists and community leaders and pay tribute to them - but tell them they will serve the long-range needs of Israel and the Jewish people even better if they set personal examples of commitment to Jewish learning. Continue to give our philanthropists and community leaders the sense of identity and Jewish fulfillment which you now bestow upon them, but tell them that this identity is hollow unless they maintain and support institutions of Jewish learning for all ages in America.

Ben Gurion visited Hebrew College twice and the inspiration of his 20-minute address still glows in the hearts and minds of all who were present. His successors, whether they are prime ministers, members of the cabinet, or army generals, have no time to visit schools when they are in the community. Set the examples of priorities for American Jewry in word and in deed by acknowledging the centrality of Jewish learning for the vitality of the Jewish people in generations to come and you will have helped Jewish education much more than by the publication of the type of analysis that Mr. Hoffman offers us.

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THE ELDERLY AND TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - The radio programme for senior citizens recently discussed the possibility of preparing a TV series dealing with the question of senior citizens and how to make their lives more agreeable. I would suggest that, before tackling this problem in theory, TV should do something about it in practice.

Most elderly people cannot stay awake to see a film or drama that is shown late at night. Can't MABAT start at 8 p.m. and be followed by a good film, drama or other cultural event? Many stop-gaps could be omitted, and I am sure that sport fans would not mind viewing sport events at a later hour. Another alternative would be to have repeat programmes either in the afternoon or early evening.

Another problem for the elderly is the exorbitant licence fee. Why can't senior citizens (not only the welfare recipients among them) benefit from a reduction, as is granted by municipalities, Egged and many other services? There are constant rumours that owners of black-and-white sets may be exempted from paying the fee. That would be a good start.

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COMPUTER STUDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - Yitzhak Oked's gloomy forecast for Israel's technological future ("Start them young," August 23) may be somewhat brightened by corrective steps currently being taken in one of Israel's largest teacher training colleges.

Jerusalem's David Yellin Teachers College has for a year been operating a computer technology centre, where students and faculty have been learning computer languages suitable for school children and others for individual programming.

The college's graduating teachers will enter the Israel school system with an adequate knowledge of computer technology and the ability to pass it on to school children throughout the country.

The college's computer technology centre is this year being expanded to accommodate additional computers, more teaching hours and a larger teaching staff.

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THE CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - The public discussion on unemployment, present and future, would profit if we distinguished between two unrelated causes: unemployment as one of the effects of the government's economic policy (or what passes for it), and that due to the inexorable progress of technology. Much current unemployment here and elsewhere is structural, caused by the increasingly fast changes in manufacturing processes (computers and robots for instance); by innovations in products and materials; and by geographical and economic shifts of supply and demand on a global scale.

The mass-producing textile industries are shifting to the low income, cheap labour countries. Coal was displaced by oil as a source of energy and hundreds of thousands of miners lost their jobs and had to be retired or retrained. (Then the rising cost of oil revived the demand for coal and miners). The growing mechanization of agriculture has displaced farmers in many countries. Robots and computers are doing the same today in the manufacturing industries, building and services. There is hardly any major economic activity that is not affected.

The discussion on growing unemployment here is political and polemical, as if it were only a matter of correct government policy. It should be more realistic and forward-looking. What is needed is more imaginative anticipation of the future, more manpower planning and ceaseless vocational retraining of those already jobless and those still employed in jobs which technological and economic changes will soon eliminate.

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ISRAEL'S TELEPHONES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - In response to the article, "Dear telephone" (August 21), I would just like to say to Professor Rosenberg, "Welcome to Israel." It is still a mystery to me how a country with such an advanced technology has a telephone system that would make the inventor Alexander Bell roll over.

ZE'EV BEN BEITCHMAN
Ma'agan Michael.

of many people not being served by the telephone company. I have been trying since the middle of February to have my phone repaired, but up to now, nothing has changed. As I am nearly 80 years old, life is rather difficult because, although I myself can use the telephone, many people do not succeed in contacting me.

So, don't give up yet, Professor. If you persist in your efforts, your grandchildren may (or may not) be able to enjoy the use of your phone.

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